

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Items Relating to the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. Resolution 2026-075 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Collins and the Town of Timnath for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 067, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Unanticipated Revenue and Authorizing Transfer of Appropriations for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study.

The purpose of this item is to enable the City to receive and expend local funds for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study (Study). The funds will be used to study traffic in the Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 corridor and to commence a preliminary planning effort to manage traffic along the corridor. If approved, the item will: 1) authorize the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the Study with the Town of Timnath; 2) appropriate \$201,960 of Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF) reserve funds to the Study; 3) appropriate \$200,000 of Town of Timnath contribution to the Study; and 4) transfer \$2,000 of Study funds to the Art in Public Places (APP) program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution and Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 corridor and I-25 interchange serve as a key east-west and north-south transportation hub in northern Colorado. With rapid growth occurring in Timnath, Fort Collins, Windsor, and surrounding areas, this interchange is experiencing safety, congestion, and operational issues during peak periods. City staff along with staff from the Town of Timnath (Timnath) intend to collaborate on a Study to evaluate current and future traffic conditions, identify multimodal needs, and develop a phased implementation plan with concepts and costs to guide future investment. A long-term vision for the Harmony Road corridor from Fort Collins to Eaton, along with recommendations for phased improvements covering immediate, short-term, and ultimate horizons are key deliverables for the Study.

As a regional priority corridor from Fort Collins to Eaton, Harmony Road experiences congestion with safety and delay concerns that are most prominent along an approximate 2.5-mile corridor from Strauss Cabin Road to County Road 5. The Study will evaluate this corridor and will also evaluate the broader influence of regional traffic patterns, including connecting arterials and developments in Fort Collins, Timnath, Windsor, Severance, Eaton, and unincorporated Larimer and Weld counties. State Highway 392 (Carpenter Road) and Prospect Road as complimentary east-west regional routes will also be analyzed to determine whether system-level changes could affect traffic patterns regionally and extend the lifecycle of existing infrastructure. The potential that Kechter Road is carrying overflow traffic due to operational constraints on Harmony Road will also be studied.

The City and Timnath have drafted and are ready to move forward with an IGA. The City’s and Timnath’s contributions and obligations for the Study are set forth in the IGA. This request seeks authorization to accept and execute the IGA and appropriate Timnath’s contribution to the Study.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The following table is a summary of the proposed funding appropriation for the Study.

Funds to be Appropriated per this Action	
Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF)	\$ 201,960
Town of Timnath contribution	\$ 200,000
Transportation Services Fund (TSF)	\$ 40
Net Total Funds to be Appropriated per this Action	\$ 402,000
Transfer to Art in Public Places	\$ 2,000
Total Project Funds	\$ 400,000

The total fund amount projected for the Study is \$400,000 composed of funds appropriated with this action.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Staff intends to share the findings of the Study with the Transportation Board and the Active Modes Advisory Board for their recommendations.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

A public engagement plan will be established as part of the development of the Study. City staff and Timnath have had collaborative meetings together including meetings with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), who is supportive of the planning effort to conduct the Study. Stakeholders have been identified to share recommendations from the Study and seek funding to develop recommendations. These stakeholders include the communities previously identified along with the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization and CDOT.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. Resolution 2026-075
2. Ordinance No. 067, 2026